

THE GREAT NORTHWEST

Topics of General Interest in the New States and Elsewhere.

IN A DRUNKEN QUARREL

A Man Kills His Own Brother—A Valuable Slate Quarry Recently Discovered in Washington—A Genuine Curiosity.

According to a new law of Washington, there is to be no shooting of feathered game for market except during the month of December of each year; also, it is unlawful to ship any game out of the state whatever, at any time of the year.

Mammoth white swans are very plentiful just now in Harney valley. The Burns items says: "A wagon load of swans met with a slow sale here last Monday. Some of the birds weighed 30 pounds, and all were as fat as they could be."

Sea otter are reported plentiful along the coast at the mouth of the Rogue river, Oregon. Several parties are lurking along the shore in hopes of getting a shot at one of these fine-furred inhabitants of the deep. Their skins sell from \$30 to \$150.

The Roxbury Review says: Last week Mr. Dean, living near Riddle, heard his dogs barking and followed them to a tree near his home, where he found they had treed an immense panther. After killing the beast he measured it and found it to be eight feet long.

Mr. L. T. Bump, a prosperous farmer of Post Falls, Idaho, called the attention of a Post reporter to the fact the other day that he has on his farm a genuine curiosity in the way of a 14-month-old Jersey heifer that has given birth to a pretty calf that is no larger than a jack rabbit, and it is as lively as a cricket. This certainly beats the record.

The new superior judge, E. F. Hunter, of South Bend, is now holding court in Cathlamet, Wahkiakum county, having been cut off from the district of Judge Bloomfield. There is a rush at the present session of court of persons desirous of obtaining their final naturalization certificates, as the law prescribes that hereafter only citizens shall be allowed to fish on the Columbia.

A report reached Ellensburg Tuesday night of a brutal murder which occurred on Ricker ranch, a few miles west of Colville, yesterday. John Abrahams, an employee, became drunk and was soon involved in a quarrel with his brother, Dolph Abrahams, resulting in the shooting and instantly killing of the latter. The murderer secured a horse immediately after he had committed the bloody deed and fled. The report spread rapidly, and late yesterday afternoon full 50 men were on his trail. He will no doubt be lynched if caught. John Abrahams is one of the typical bad men of that section. Several years ago he brutally shot an Indian to death but escaped punishment. The murdered man leaves a wife and two children.

A valuable slate quarry was recently discovered four miles from the railroad near Martin, Wash., says the Grant's Pass Courier, and a company has been organized to work it. This is a new industry on the Pacific coast. The only quarry now known is in California, being used principally for the beds on billboards. This quarry is between 30 and 40 feet in width, and the samples now exhibited are only about four feet from the surface. Several of the gentlemen connected with the company have had years of experience in the slate quarries of Maine, where the principal quarries of the United States are now being worked. One of the principal uses of slate is the roofing of large buildings. The Portland hotel is covered with this stone, shipped from Maine at an expense of \$12.50 per square. The average price paid at the quarry is \$4.50 per square, being less than one-quarter of an inch in thickness. From these prices it can readily be seen that such a quarry is very valuable property and Josephine county will undoubtedly have one of the best slate quarries in operation in a very short time.

A shepherd named Pool came in to Spokane Wednesday evening from Coleman's sheep camp, says a special to the Helena Journal, some 12 miles from here, and reported the finding of a man lying at his cabin with his throat cut from ear to ear and his windpipe severed, with everything pointing to murder. Pool says the man is a stranger to him, and has a full beard, evidently a tramp, and about 35 years of age. He says he saw him in the middle of the afternoon on the range. The stranger remarked that he had been in his cabin and got something to eat for himself. Later in the day, while lying under a tree about a quarter of a mile from his cabin, watching his sheep, he saw a man run, and thought it was the same one he saw in the afternoon. He started for the cabin to see if anything was stolen, but found the man he had met lying on the ground with his throat cut, unable to speak, and another man was seen running out of sight. The injured stranger pointed to his head as if to indicate that he had been knocked down first and then cut. After placing his head Pool immediately started for town. He left tonight with the sheriff and county doctor for the scene. No further particulars are obtainable up to a late hour.

The First Vigilance Committee.

The story of the famous vigilance committee of 1856 that ruled San Francisco from May until September of that year, is a well known tale that has been fully told in the pages of Bancroft; but the story of the first vigilance committee, that of 1851, is not so well known, and its slight record as given by Bancroft is deemed by the surviving executives of San Francisco's first lynch court as full of errors. Mr. Bancroft escaping the trouble of investigation by what the survivors term "a heavy draft upon his imagination."

The Portland Oregonian relates that while the vigilance committee of 1856 was a military organization 6,000 strong, drilled, disciplined and officered by the leading citizens of San Francisco, whose chief executive was no less than William T. Coleman. The first vigilance committee was originally composed of but 40 men. Its origin and its provocation is worth recalling at this time. In 1850-51 San Francisco was composed of wooden buildings which took fire easily and burned rapidly. In May, 1850, a great part of the business portion of the town was destroyed by fire, and again in May and June, 1851, two other great fires left but little of the city unburned. These

disastrous fires were generally known to be the work of incendiaries, among whom a number of escaped Australian convicts were included. If the thieves did not always set the fires they always profited by them, for during and after the disasters they plundered the stores, the houses, and vacant lots where the goods saved from the flames had been piled. These criminals were partially organized; had signal fires on the sand hills by which they communicated with each other what to do and when to do it. The courts at that time were not trustworthy; could not be depended on to punish crime. Criminals were saved from justice by attorneys whose favorite device was to prove an alibi, which was easily done through the confederates and comrades of the prisoners. Judge Lynch dealt with these fellows and rid the country of a murderous gang.

THE HEBREW RACE IN THE WORLD

It is to be Found Everywhere, but Chiefly in Russia and Austria.

M. Leroy Beaulieu of Paris has recently published the results of certain researches he has made regarding the geographical distribution of the Hebrew race. There is no doubt that he greatly underestimates the Hebrew population of the United States, which probably numbers nearly a quarter of a million at this time. In a few cases he has been able to use census statistics, but for most countries he gives estimates, based on such knowledge as he could procure.

He believes that the Hebrews of the world number about eight millions, all but one million of whom are in Europe, and half of whom are in Russia and Poland. Turning westward, after leaving 4,000,000 more in Russia, there are in Austria, 1,700,000; in Germany, 600,000; in England, 100,000; in France, 80,000; in Italy, 50,000, and in European Turkey, 120,000. For the lesser countries of Europe figures are given, and it is shown that as far north as Norway and Sweden the Hebrews are few. In the whole of Asia there are only about 300,000, most of whom are in Asia Minor, Syria and Palestine, with a few thousands in Persia, India and China.

M. Leroy Beaulieu says that the migratory tendency of the race that was cradled in Palestine has been westward, and that this race has never in any past time been so widely scattered as it is in the nineteenth century. How does it happen that a large proportion of the whole body of Hebrews is in Russia? The ancestors of many of those now in Russia lived in western Europe during the middle ages but they were driven eastward by the severe persecutions to which they were then subjected in Spain and other countries, and took refuge in the regions watered by the Dnieper and the Vistula, where they were allowed to live in comparative safety. Now, however, the Hebrews under the rule of the czar are subjected to repressive laws and are moving westward with a tendency to go much further west than their ancestors went in past ages—even as far west as the countries of North and South America.

STRONGEST OF THE STRONG.

A Canadian Samson Who Looks What He Is.

From the New York Sun.

If Louis Cyr, the strong man of Canada, could lift a weight off the human mind as easily as he does from the floor he would be a valuable member of society. His efforts, however, are simply to show that he possesses a remarkable muscle.

Cyr is a French Canadian, born in a little town named St. Jean, which is about 20 miles from Montreal. He was 17 years of age when he discovered that he was possessed of great strength. He happened to be out walking one day when he came across a wagon load of bricks stuck in the mud. He weighed at that time 240 pounds. Cyr got under the cart and lifted it on solid ground. From that moment he went around lifting nearly everything on which he could get a good hold on.

Cyr is now but 27 years of age, weighs 318 pounds, and stands 5 feet 11½ inches in height. He has yellow curly hair, which falls to his shoulders. He comes naturally by his marvellous strength. His mother was a powerful woman who considered the carrying of a barrel of flour up two flights of stairs a mere trifle. She weighed 265 pounds. His father tipped the scales at 220 pounds but was not gifted with any remarkable weight-lifting ability. He has several brothers who are only ordinary men in the matter of strength.

The remarkable thing about Cyr's performances is that he uses no harness. In New York city, December 29, 1888, William B. Curtis made a harness lift of 3,239 pounds. At Berthierville, Canada, October 1, 1888, Cyr, without harness raised 3,535 pounds of pig iron. He confidently expects to lift 4,500 pounds before he retires.

For two years Cyr has abstained from the use of liquor and tobacco. This, he says, has increased his lifting ability 700 pounds. He eats five or six pounds of meat a day, and next door to him Cyr's last and greatest lift was 3,993 pounds.

At a recent exhibition given by Cyr, in Lewiston, Me., he picked up a barrel of flour with one hand, and put it on his shoulder as if it were a bundle of cotton batting. With one finger he raised two great dumb-bells with a man weighing 160 pounds upon them, the total weight being 516 pounds. He lifted the bell and the man about two feet from the floor with his right hand and only. He juggled a post cannon ball as if it were rubber. His great feat of the evening was in hoisting, by his famous upward back lift, a platform weighing 361 pounds, upon which stood 20 men, whose combined weight with that of the platform was 3700 pounds. He also did an equilibrium act with Mrs. Cyr, in which he balanced her clinging to a ladder supported on his chin.

Cyr was recently presented with a handsome championship belt by the citizens of Montreal.

Fardus Was Granted.

From the Detroit Free Press.

A citizen of Brush street was called to his door at 10 o'clock the other evening by a stranger, who inquired:

"Is your name —?"

"Yes, sir."

"You were down in the Buhl block this forenoon?"

"I was."

"In coming down stairs you ran against a man?"

"I remember now that such a thing happened."

"Well, I am the man."

"Yes."

"You begged my pardon."

"I was somewhat confused and did not reply. I have now called to say that you were perfectly excusable and that my pardon is granted."

"—you—?"

"Perfectly excusable—don't mention it—good-night!"

And he stalked off in the darkness, leaving the householder too mad to even rip and tear.

Cupid's New Weapon.

From Puck.

Arabella—During your visit to Boston did you encounter cupid's darts?

Bertha—Boston cupid's darts do not use darts.

Arabella—What, then, do they use?

Bertha—Beanshooters.

WHILE ILL IN BUFFALO.

The Experience of a Manager With an Amateur Playright.

From the Philadelphia Press.

"Do I ever read operas submitted by unknown authors?" repeated A. H. Canby, with a queer smile. "Well, not much! You see theatrical managers haven't the time. Some of them make a pretense of so doing, but usually they don't do it. Of course we may miss a gem, now and then, but all the chances are dead against it. Suppose you want a fashionable walking suit, say to cost \$100, the very best made. What would you do? Go to a plumber or a blacksmith, or order the garment from a well known house whose work has been of the highest class for years?"

"It's the same with an opera. When a manager wants a new production for a first-class company, he orders it from men who have demonstrated their ability. But you have no idea how many people send in operas to be read, and sometimes I have to hear one. A few years ago I was lying ill in Buffalo, when a New Hampshire lawyer came on with a note of introduction from a rival manager. The latter, of course, had refused to examine the lawyer's work, and had got rid of him by a note to me. I was alone in my room, one morning, my head was throbbing on the pillow, and I was feeling about as miserable as a man can, when somebody knocked on the door. 'Come in,' I groaned. Then entered a tall, cadaverous man of 30 years. His frock coat was buttoned to the throat, and a trail of spots led therefrom to the waist. He had no cuffs, and his old felt hat looked very tired."

"I am Jones of New Hampshire," he observed, thrusting the note into my hand (of course, Jones wasn't his name, but it will do). "I have an opera here—"

"But I don't want an opera!"

"My opera is a wonderful study," he observed, calmly sitting down on the edge of the bed. I told him we had arranged productions for three years, but nothing would turn him away. There I was, in bed, alone, the door closed behind my eyes and groaned, and told him not to read it, but to repeat it. This wouldn't suit Brother Jones, so he commenced and read it through: A prologue and four acts.

"On the first place the curtain went up with the comedian on the stage. Of course this prevented him from entering, and just ruined the poor comedy-man's chance to make an effective scene. The climax came in the finale of Act II, and the hero who was killed then turned up alive in Act IV and married the heroine. One character from the Black Hills constantly used nautical slang such as you hear from old sailors in towns like Newburyport, Mass., and half the time Jones allowed no time for changes of costume, and so on. It was awful. Of course the New Hampshire lawyer didn't know anything about the technical details, and by the time he got through I'd just as lief have died as live."

Hunting the Stag.

A foreign exchange tells of the prince of a small German state, whose ambition it was to do the grand, if only on a small scale, who had invited a number of gentlemen to go on a deer stalking expedition. Everything promised well. The weather was superb and the whole company were in the best of spirits, when the head hunter approached the petty monarch and, lifting his green cap, said in faltering tones:

"Your Highness, there can be no hunting to-day."

"Why not?" was the stern rejoinder.

"Ah, Your Highness, one of the stags took fright at the sight of so many people and has escaped into the adjoining territory, and the other stag has been ill since yesterday. But Your Highness must not be angry—it is most likely nothing worse than a bad cold. We have given it some herb tea, and hope to get it on its legs again in a few days."

ELECTRICAL WONDERS.

An Interesting Display Planned For the World's Fair.

Electricity and its application to various economic uses promises to be one of the wonders of the fair, says a Chicago dispatch. Prof. John Barrett, chief of the department of Electricity, is working hard for a great exhibit. An illustration of the many uses of electricity will be furnished in a miniature "electric" house. Electricity will be made to do many unusual things. The door-bell will be rung from a push button, the lights in the hall and in all the rooms will be controlled from a given point, as well as from the door of each room. An electric burglar alarm will be there to protect the sleeping family, with a contrivance for lighting the incandescent lamps at the point of entrance of the intruder.

The apartments will be warmed by electric radiators and ventilated and cooled by a system of electric fans. The cooking for the family will be conducted upon an electric range in the kitchen at the top of the house, and the food lowered to the dining room upon an electrically propelled dumb-waiter. The dishes will be washed by an electric dishwasher, on which a child can wash 10,000 pieces a day. The washing, ironing, and scrubbing of the floors and woodwork, the scrubbing of silver and knives, and the washing of the linens will be done by electricity. The oil, debris and sewage will be destroyed by an electric current run to a specially prepared receptacle.

A telephone and writing telegraph instrument will be in the structure of the master of the house for the purposes of his business, and also a portable phonograph, with cylinders, for making a conversation to any point. In the parlor will be a musical telegraph, with a mechanism for diffusing the music to an audience; at phonograph and cylinders containing celebrated speeches by celebrated men and songs by celebrated women. There will be electric music-boxes and every kind of contrivance to minister to the pleasure or comfort to the family.

But this isn't all. "It is proposed," says Professor Barrett, "to make a facsimile figure of Patti, to embody her gestures, smiles, movement of the eyes, etc., and to install in the figure a phonograph with attachment for disseminating sounds to an audience. In this way one may experience all the pleasures of an evening with the celebrated prima donna, hear her sweetest songs precisely as she renders them, and at the same time know that all this is the result of the genius of man."

Yet She Kicked.

From the Epoch.

Bereaved Widow—Why, doctor, you have the effrontery to charge me \$500 for treating my poor, dear husband, and he died, after all.

Doctor—Well, didn't you collect \$25,000 life insurance?

Adam's Misfortune.

From Puck.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: David D. Walker, James K. Mallory, William Ausuburn, Gustav Huber, all of Anaconda, Montana.

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